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## MAGAZINES' FILES UNDER SUBPOENA

Time, Life and Newsweek  
Data Involve S.D.S. Unit

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The Federal courts have subpoenaed the unedited files and unused pictures of Time, Life and Newsweek magazines dealing with the Weatherman faction of Students for a Democratic Society. The small group of militant revolutionaries is being investigated by a Federal grand jury in connection with four days of disorders in Chicago last October.

The subpoenas, issued soon after the disorders, were disclosed for the first time by representatives of the three national magazines in separate interviews yesterday.

They said that Time and Life had complied with the subpoenas but that Newsweek hoped to work out an informal agreement to delete the names of any confidential informants before delivering its files.

The disclosure came amidst growing concern among newspaper editors and television network news executives across the country about what they believe to be an increasing effort by the authorities to collect intelligence about radical movements from the news media.

### Denial in Washington

Some of this concern rose to the surface last week with the disclosure that the Government had subpoenaed the tapes and unused portions of a Columbia Broadcasting System television program about the Black Panther party, shown Jan. 6.

A Justice Department spokesman said in Washington yesterday that the recent actions in no way represented a change in policy. He said that for years the department had obtained information from the news media, particularly in civil rights cases in the South, sometimes through subpoenas.

But, in Chicago, spokesmen for the four major newspapers and television stations reported that there had been intensified Federal and local demands for photographs and notes of newsmen, particularly in regard to recent incidents involving the Panthers and the Weathermen.

One television channel contended that the search for and reproduction of film strips requested by various courts had cost the station \$155,000 in overtime and equipment.

### 'Reckless' Moves Seen

J. G. Trezevant, general manager of the Daily News and The Sun-Times and president of Chicago's Newspaper Publishers Association, expressed concern over what he described as the practice of "dragnet subpoenas" under which the newspapers were ordered to make available all their files in the hope that they would disclose some germane information.

He charged that this had led to "reckless fishing expeditions" through newspaper files and to "harassment" of the editorial staff.

As a result, he said that the association was preparing steps to quash a subpoena in a test case designed to establish guidelines for a more orderly process of obtaining materials from the media.

"The big problem," Mr. Trezevant said in a telephone interview from Chicago, "is to find a way of fulfilling our civic duty to the judicial process without disrupting our normal operation or becoming an investigative agency for the prosecution or the defense."

Speaking as an executive of The Daily News and The Sun-Times, he said that the two newspapers were strongly opposed to any attempt to subpoena notes from reporters, a practice he described as "a dangerous restriction to freedom of the press."

Norman E. Isaacs, editor of The Louisville Courier Journal and president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said yesterday he was "seriously disturbed" about the recent instances in which newspaper files had been subpoenaed by the courts.

### 'Sweeping' Actions' Cited

"I am afraid this has all the marks of the domino theory," he said yesterday in Louisville. "If we start by accepting the jurisdiction of the Federal courts into our files, we can become vulnerable to all kinds of local or Congressional investigations. I am seriously disturbed over the broad scope, the sweeping nature of the recent Federal court actions."

In response to inquiries, Time Inc. executives acknowledged yesterday that the company had been served subpoenas for written and pictorial material concerning the Weathermen. They said that the files of both Time and Life dealt mainly with the street violence and contained no confidential information.

Hal Bruno, national editor of Newsweek, said here that a similar order was handed to Newsweek in late October and that negotiations were in progress with the United States attorney's office in Chicago.

Indicating that Newsweek had assembled considerable material on the Weathermen from confidential sources, Mr. Bruno said the objective of the negotiations was to delete any identification of these sources from the file before it was presented to the court.

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